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Discordant is the word of self-interest. It is affinity of will.—Emerson.

THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL REPUBLICANISM

Reorganization of the national Republican party is proceeding slowly, and no active steps will be taken for at least a year. It is apparent from mainland advices.

This does not mean that the Republicans of the Borah, McGovern and Hadley type are discouraged over the defeat of Mr. Taft. They must have known almost from the beginning of the campaign that he was leading a forlorn hope. The present quiet in Republican ranks is not the sign of defeat but the maturing of plans evolved from long consideration of the situation.

The recent conference of Republican governors betrayed no uneasiness as to the ultimate reorganization of the party, but it is admitted that the party must be reconstructed, if not from the bottom up, certainly from the top down. The foundations of the party are as secure as ever, the great mass of American voters are still Republicans, as was shown even in the last election, but the great mass of voters were not given an opportunity to show their Republicanism in a way that appealed to them as right and consistent.

In the reconstruction of the party such men as Murray Crane, Root, Penrose, Barnes of New York,—in short, the "big interest" men,—must inevitably be cast aside. Rightly or not, they have earned the reputation of serving a master other than the people. Their leadership is passing. Instead, the Republican standard has been seized and will be carried forward by men of the Borah and Hadley type, young men, active men, stalwarts burning with the desire to distinguish themselves as servants of the people. They are ambitious, of course, personally ambitious, too, but Borah at least has often put his own ambitions aside to champion the rights of the people.

Two or three practical suggestions for reconstructing the party seem likely to be carried out. One is a re-draft of the party rules before the next national convention to provide for a convention so chosen that there can be no question raised of its "representative character." The Chicago convention of last June probably never will be repeated. The stigma of some of the things done in that convention in the name of Republicanism was more potent in the last campaign than any vivid Rooseveltian epigram or dispassionate Wilsonian analysis. As can be told by some of the Hawaii delegates who attended that gathering, there was an adherence to technicality, in order to secure the necessary Taft majority, which defeated the will of the people that sent some of the delegates to Chicago.

It is not unlikely that the Republican party rules will be redrafted to provide for the adoption of primary systems for the selection of delegates to the national convention. Should this be the case, Hawaii may have no more territorial conventions of the sort that upset the Republican party here last April. The bitterness of that convention was partly responsible for Republican defeat in Oahu in November.

The Republican party is not doomed to pass out of existence, in spite of the dire prophecy of the Bull Mooseers. It must undergo reconstruction, of course; it must be moulded to the will of the people, for a party not responsive to popular will cannot endure.

The point to remember is that the basic principles of Republicanism are as cogent as ever, as applicable to conditions now as ever they were, but that some of the party's later methods need change. The "steam-roller" in the convention should be impossible, and it should be impossible for a president to control his own re-nomination merely through his control of federal patronage and a machine built up thereby. The election of delegates through the direct primary will largely eliminate this.

Instead of regarding the party with a sense of disappointment, because it was not successful in the national election, Republicans should rejoice that there are ready at hand hundreds of thousands of brilliant and earnest young men to carry through a reorganization of party methods that will reaffirm the aim of Republicanism to be the will of the people.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

Democrats in Congress are apparently going steadily ahead with their program of independence for the Philippines. According to a news dispatch, despite President Taft's vigorous dis-

approval in his message to Congress of the pending bill proposing immediate autonomy for the Philippines, and absolute independence in eight years, several prominent Democrats are preparing for its consideration in the House.

Chairman Jones of the House insular affairs committee, framer of the bill, says Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Underwood have assured him of their cooperation, and that Chairman Henry of the rules committee has promised a special rule for its early expeditious consideration. Some of the House Democrats suggest awaiting a conference with President-elect Wilson before taking action.

There seems to be considerable doubt as to whether Wilson will favor the Democratic plan, and it is not unlikely that the party leaders are counting on him to save the party from making a mistake purely to redeem a political pledge.

Ex-Governor John Osborne, of Wyoming, mentioned as seeking support from the Hawaii Democrats for the position of secretary of the interior in the Wilson cabinet, visited Honolulu a number of years ago as the guest of Dr. W. J. Galbraith, formerly physician for the Union Pacific railway, who practised in this city for a number of months and left here to go to Mexico. Dr. Osborne was at that time a very intimate friend of W. J. Bryan and his friends had expected him to be Bryan's choice for secretary of state in the event of the success of the Nebraskan in his first campaign. Dr. Osborne is a very quiet and unassuming man. He came here for a rest. Aside from the Wyoming men and the intimate friends of Dr. Galbraith, he did not make many acquaintances, but looked around and was much interested in the city.

If we were to accept the sentimental or humanitarian position that the right to punish rests on the duty to educate the ignorant and reform the wicked, I should none the less insist that whipping was, for many cases, the best incentive to education and reform. He who has not learned to refrain is half-reformed. A whipping has a very direct tendency to teach a man to refrain from whatever is likely to entail another punishment of the same sort. When in use in Connecticut, no white man was ever whipped twice. He had learned his lesson.—Governor Baldwin of Connecticut.

And there are some men in Honolulu who need to learn a lesson they cannot forget and that will be a terror to other evil-doers.

Clinton J. Hutchins appears to be harboring the gubernatorial bee as steady company. The former Honolulu man has written from San Francisco to a friend here that while he realizes he is ineligible to succeed Gov. Frear on account of the Organic Act provision against a non-resident of the territory, he expects to re-establish his residence here before another four years has passed. C. J. is what you might call a far-seeing and pertinacious individual.

Attorney Harry Irwin of Hilo, endorsed by a precinct club for United States district attorney, answers that what he wants is the attorney-generalship. It may be remarked that not even a Republican dog-catchership—if there is such a job—is vacant yet.

The money trust committee has waited vainly for four months for papers to be served on Rockefeller. Waiting four months to be served would tire out almost anybody.

We don't seem to care much about the ultimate division of Europe among the Powers. What we want to know is, Who licked in the big naval battle?

"Sugar Bills Are Held Up", according to newspaper headlines, but the meat bill and the grocery bill will be around the first of the month as usual.

Supervisor Low charges that there is a plumbing trust in Honolulu. Maybe so, but we never heard of a plumber here-trusting anybody.

J. Pierpont Morgan, the man who controls twenty-six billions, is not a bit happier than if he controlled only twenty-five.

From the detailed denials issued from St. Petersburg it is apparent that the Czarevitch's illness is really serious.

In spite of the utmost efforts of the newspapers, we have not yet been able to start a general European war.

One of the things wrong with the plumbing ordinance appears to be that it has leaky joints.

Four more shopping days before Christmas!

PERSONALITIES

CAPT. V. HEIDT, well known in Honolulu, has been assigned to duty with the First Infantry.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. THAYER of Los Angeles are through passengers for the Orient in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru.

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION VICTOR S. CLARK is due to arrive here from his round-the-world trip on January 2.

C. W. SMITH-MARRIOTT, a capitalist from Victoria, B. C., is proposed to the Far East as a passenger in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru.

EDON VON PARPART, Niverville, Winnipeg, W. C. McHenry, Honolulu, and Walter Dalsenborg, San Francisco, are registered at the Pleasant Hotel.

E. A. SCRANTON, who is identified with one of the largest importing houses in New York, is a through passenger in the Tenyo Maru, en route to the Far East.

MR. AND MRS. S. AWOKI are through passengers in the Tenyo Maru and will leave the vessel at Yokohama. Mr. Awoki is manager of the San Francisco branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

I. NISHI, a member of the Japanese tea commission, having completed his duties on the mainland, where he attended a series of important conferences, is returning to Japan as a through passenger in the Tenyo Maru.

MISS HELEN CALDWELL, a passenger in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru, is to leave that vessel at Shanghai, where it is said she will become the bride of an officer in the American fleet stationed at the north China coast.

HERBERT HELLIS, representing the Philippine Vegetable Oil company, a concern that has to do with the manufacture of coconut products, is returning to Manila in the Tenyo Maru after a brief stay on the mainland.

CAPT. BENJAMIN H. WATKINS, Second Infantry, Fort Shafter, having been relieved from duty as quarters master, Schofield Barracks, and assigned to duty with Company M, Second Infantry, is granted leave of absence for one month, effective December 15, 1912.

JESSE H. BUFFUM, who some years ago was engaged in newspaper work in this city, during which time he made a memorable journey to the crater of Kilauea, is a passenger in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru. Buffum now represents a moving picture syndicate and may continue the voyage to the Far East in search of material for photo plays.

M. COSTELLO, probably one of the most conspicuous men before the public in the role of heroine or villain in moving picture plays, is a visitor at Honolulu today. Costello is one of twelve people with the Vitagraph Company of America, which company is to make an extended tour of the Orient. A staff of photographers as well as actors and actresses are included in the party.

COKE ASKS SMITH RETRACT

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disgraceful act. At the same time the language used by you being general, I take it that all Democrats present at the bar association meeting were included within the terms of your accusation.

Feeling that your statement casts an unjust aspersion upon myself, as well as upon other Democrats present, among whom I would mention Attorney General Thayer, Mr. E. M. Watson and Mr. C. W. Ashford, I would ask you to either substantiate your statement and point out wherein our conduct was disgraceful, or publicly retract the statement which you have wrongly made against us.

Referring to another part of your interview contained in the issue of the same paper, wherein you infer that the Democrats brought about the endorsement of Judge Edging in place of Judge Kingsbury, I desire to call your attention to the fact that Judge Edging's name was presented as a candidate before the bar association against Judge Kingsbury by a Republican, his nomination was seconded by a Republican, and out of the thirty-four members of the bar present there were only five Democrats, and conceding that all of the Democrats present voted for Judge Edging (which I believe not to be a fact), what have you to say of the thirteen Republicans who must have voted for him?

Concerning my own application before the bar association for endorsement, I am aware of nothing disgraceful, honorable or disgraceful in my asking the bar association's endorsement, it being understood that the application would not in all probability be made until after the work of the coming session of the legislature was finished.

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ished, in that case, I could gracefully resign the office of senator and accept the appointment. At any rate, I had not expected the question to assume a political phase before the bar association, and if you will remember at the meeting yesterday Judge Davis, a Republican, first moved me to endorse Judge Williams, and it was Judge Williams, a Democrat, who most obstinately opposed the same.

I must confess that I am deeply grieved at the intemperate language used by you in your interview, and, of course, you are correctly informed in The Star-Bulletin. Being conscious of no disgraceful or dishonorable conduct at the meeting of the bar association referred to, your failure to retract the statements recorded to you by The Star-Bulletin, if you are correctly reported, will compel me to ask the appointment of a committee of the bar association to investigate the charges which you have made and ascertain whether I am guilty of disgraceful conduct, or whether you are guilty of unjustly accusing me thereof. I am, yours very respectfully, JAMES L. COKE.

Smith's Letter Affirms Attitude.

Mr. Smith's letter to The Star-Bulletin says:

Honolulu, December 18, 1912.

Editor Star-Bulletin, Honolulu.
Dear Sir: Referring to the article which appeared in your issue of the 15th inst., respecting an expression of my opinion upon the subject of the proceedings at the meeting of the bar association on Monday afternoon, and in response to a protest made to me by Mr. James L. Coke, who feels that my remarks were broad enough to include him and do him injustice, I wish to say that my criticism was and remains directed against the manifestly and avowedly Democratic campaign to secure judicial office for a certain Democratic candidate, apparently irrespective of other considerations. No Democrat present thought fit to raise his voice to protest against it in this respect. Even the influence of absent Democrats and threats of outside Democratic control were called into play.

The term "disgraceful" which I used is perhaps too harsh to be applied to those Democratic members who did not directly participate in the intemperate exhibition of party politics, and respecting these I merely regret their failure to disapprove it. Only to this extent, were my remarks intended to include Mr. Coke. Very truly yours, W. O. SMITH.

BENEFIT PLAY TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW NIGHT

With the promise of Carlos Caecere, the talented young musician, to supply the necessary music for the performance to be given tomorrow evening in the Opera House by the students of the College of Hawaii, the program is complete. The collegians are to repeat their very successful play, "The Revolving Wedge," in which they scored recently in Charles R. Bishop Hall, while Ernest Kaai, Honolulu's best-known Hawaiian musician, and a picked company of Boy Scouts will assist.

"The Revolving Wedge," as put on by the collegians, is probably the best amateur production Honolulu has seen in years, two or three members of the cast showing themselves comedians quite up to the best professional standards, while the whole company has been thoroughly drilled in lines and acting. The play is of one act only, but of a duration sufficient for the development of a very clever plot. Tickets for this benefit, of which the Malihini Christmas Tree fund will receive all the receipts, are now being sold at the rooms of the promotion committee, Young Hotel building, at fifty cents. General admission will be twenty-five cents. The performance will be good; the cause is a good one, and the attendance should be the house's capacity.

EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION WILL MEET TOMORROW

The employment commission, which was appointed some time ago by R. H. Trent, president of the Young Men's Christian Association, will meet at half-past three o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the association, at which time several of the members of the commission will read reports on the vocational guidance investigation.

Reports will be given by Elijah MacKenzie, who will talk on the opportunities for young men and boys in various positions in the various trades, and A. E. Larimer will give an outline of the government positions. A general plan for the establishment of a vocational guidance bureau in Honolulu will be discussed, all of which will be in preparation for the final report which is being prepared by the secretary of the commission, R. M. Cross, to be submitted to President Trent.

A shipment of raw silk valued at \$207,000, and said to be the largest shipment of raw silk to the Pacific, is en route from Yokohama to New York via Tacoma. A special train of 16 cars awaits it at Tacoma.

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